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SUBJECT: ELEKTRARNA SOSTANJ/320 MW STEAM TURBINE

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONCURS NO OBJECTION FORESEEN ALLIS- CHALMERS REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY EXIM COMMITMENT SUPPORT SUBJECT PROJECT. WEST GERMAN, FRENCH, ITALIAN, AND OTHER US INTERESTS REPORTEDLY ALSO BIDDING. SOSTANJ ONE OF YUGOSLAVIA' S LARGEST STEAM POWER PLANTS AND SLOVENIA' S PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER ELECTRIC POWER. GROWING DEMAND PUTTING SOSTANJ' S PRESENT 410 MW FACILITIES UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE. END SUMMARY

1. EMBASSY CONCURS NO OBJECTION FORESEEN TO ALLIS- CHALMERS POWER SYSTEMS, INC., REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY EXIM COMMITMENT SUPPORT 320 MW STEAM TURBINE PROJECT FOR SOSTANJ.
2. ACCORDING SOSTANJ DIRECTOR CIRIL MISLEJ, WEST GERMAN, FRENCH, AND ITALIAN INTERESTS HAVE BID ON SUBJECT PROJECT. DURING SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, SOSTANJ REPRESENTATIVE SAID, SINCE BIDS STILL SEALED, NAMES BIDDERS AND CREDIT TERMS NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT SIEMENS AND BABCOCK ( SEE BELOW) IS AMONG BIDDERS.
3. UNDERSTAND FROM WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVE, PAVINICH,

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RECENTLY IN ZAGREB CONNECTION KRSKO NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PROJECT, THAT WESTINGHOUSE ALSO INTERESTED IN SOSTANJ PROJECT AND SOSTANJ EXTENDING BIDDING PERIOD " 60 DAYS" PERMIT WESTINGHOUSE MAKE " PACKAGE OFFER."

4. ACCORDING MISLEJ, SOSTANJ NOW HAS FOUR GENERATORS ON LINE: TWO SWISS EACH 30 MW INSTALLED 1956; ONE SWISS 75 MW INSTALLED 1960; ONE WEST GERMAN 275 MW INSTALLED 1972. TOTAL 410 MW. ALL LIGNITE FUELED. MISLEJ ADDED THAT RESERVES NEARBY VELEBIT LIGNITE MINE ADEQUATE INSURE 35- YEAR OPERATION OF PLANT, INCLUDING SUBJECT EXPANSION.

5. ACCORDING ARTICLE IN LJUBLJANA'S NOV 5, 1971, " VECER," 275 MW GENERATOR INSTALLED 1972 WAS OBTAINED IN WEST GERMANY FROM " SIEMENS AND BABCOCK" AND INSTALLED BY " HIDROMANTAZ" OF MARIBOR, SLOVENIA. " VECER" PUT TOTAL COST OF THE 275 MW UNIT AT APPROXIMATELY US \$41 MILLION, INCLUDING OVERRUN OF SOME \$10 MILLION.

6. SOSTANJ ONE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S LARGEST STEAM POWER PLANTS. IT IS SLOVENIA'S PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER AND GROWING DEMANDS PUT SOSTANJ'S PRESENT FACILITIES UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE. BREAK-DOWNS IN SOSTANJ'S OPERATION CAUSE SERIOUS POWER FAILURES AND SHORTAGES IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED LJUBLJANA AND CELJE AREAS. WILSON

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